

HOUSE BILL 745

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65
and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to the provision
and preservation of adequate water.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-704(2)(B), is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (x) thereto and by redesignating the subsequent subdivisions as appropriate:

(x) Procedures for the detection and prevention of excess and wasteful water leakage occurring at public water systems;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-707, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection thereto:

(e) Such general supervision also shall include supervision over proper preservation of the water supply by protecting against wasteful or excess levels of leakage in public water systems. The department shall collect from each public water system in the state, on a routine basis but not less often than annually, a report detailing the amount of water purchased by such water system and the amount of water sold by such water system in that reporting period, as well as a good faith estimate of the amount of leakage occurring in the water system during that reporting period and any steps being pursued by the water system to alleviate the problem of excess water leakage.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-711, is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (8); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (9) and by substituting instead a semi-colon and the word "and"; and by inserting the following as a new subdivision (10) thereto:

(10) Allowing excess leakage from a water system, as defined by the commissioner, and as determined by a review of the report provided pursuant to § 68-221-707(e) and such investigation as the board may deem appropriate.

SECTION 4. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.